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Reorganization of Local Government in Event of War

1. "A secret regulation of the Soviet MVD (Ministry of Interior) provides that as soon as a state of war is proclaimed in Estonia (and in all probability also in the other border republics) the town and raion executive committees (local executive organs of the government) are to be organized administratively. All elections are forbidden in a state of war.
 - (a) The local CP secretary becomes chairman of the reorganized town or raion executive committee.
 - (b) The former chairman of the executive committee becomes the deputy chairman of the reorganized executive committee.
 - (c) The secretary remains in office.
 - (d) New members: Head of the local MVD administration
The local war commissar
2. The reorganized town or raion executive committee is endowed with great powers concerning the given town or raion. All its orders must be unconditionally obeyed by all administrative Party and Komsomol organs as well as by all individual citizens.

Uleniste Airfield

3. "In October 1953 a commission of Soviet Air Force officers, headed by Major-General N. A. Zakharov, visited the Tallinn civilian airfield of Uleniste. The purpose of the visit was to inspect the work underway to modernize the airfield.

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4. "In autumn of 1953 the Tallinn Ulemiste airfield was also visited by a group of air force officers from Moscow, headed by Lt. General (fnu) Tikhonov and by a group of air force officers from the town of Kalinin (Tver).
5. "The Ulemiste airfield is already provided with a homing radio station, a radio signalling system and a network of neon signalling lamps fired on the ground, for night flights."

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